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SUBJECT: BOKASSA'S REMARKS AT AMBASSADOR'S CREDENTIALS CEREMONY

1. IN HIS PREPARED REMARKS ON OCCASION OF PRESENTATION OF MY LETTER OF CREDENTIALS, PRESIDENT BOKASSA EVOKED THE "NUMEROUS LINKS OF FRIENDSHIP AND SINCERE COOPERATION THAT UNITE" THE US AND THE CAR. HE ASSERTED HIS DESIRE TO ASSOCIATE THE US INTIMATELY AND FULLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAR. THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FREE AND TRULY INDEPENDENT CENTRAL AFRICA REQUIRED THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL COUNTRIES THROUGH EFFECTIVE AND DISINTRESTED AID. IN THIS REGARD THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH BILATERAL COOPERATION NOTING AID, PDACE CORPS AND ESPECIAGLY THE USE OF AMERICAN SATELLITES SUCH AS THE ONE WHICH DISCOVERED THE BA GUI MAGNETIC ANOMALY. HE UNDERLINEE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHEDNTO FORTHCOMING RESULOS OF US GEOLOGCCAL SURVEY MISSIONS'S VISIT TO CAR.

2. BOKASSJ STATED INALIENABLE RIGHT OF CAR TO DECIDE ITS OWN DESTINY WITHOUT ANY FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. HE SAID CAR WISHED TO BE A LAND OF ENCOUNTER, DISLOGUE AND PEACEFUL CONVERGENCE EXCLUDING ALL IDEA OF SUPERIORITY AND INTEFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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3. BOKASSA SAID THAT CAR HAD ALWAYS SUPPORTED US EFFORTS TO FIND "PEACEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTIONS TO NUMEROUS AND DIFFICULT CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS."

4. APPRECIATION WAS EXPRESSED FOR US "UNCONDITIONAL" SUPPORT FOR GOCAR IN ITS EFFORTS TO FREE ITSELF FROM ITS UNDERDEVELOPMENT AND LANDLOCKED POSITION.

5. IN "THIS CLIMATE OF RECIPROCAL CONFIDENCE" BOKASSA WELCOMED ME AND PLEDGED HIS UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR CONTINUING AND REINFORCED US/CAR FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION.

6. BOKASSA REQUESTED ME TO CONVEY HIS PERSONAL GREETINGS AND THANKS TO PRESIDENT FORD FOR HIS MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FOLLOWING THE FEBRUARY 3 ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE AS WELL AS HIS BEST WISHES TO PRESIDENT FORD, HIS FAMILY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY ON THE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

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